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John J. Guzewich
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Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20204

Re: Docket No. 99N-0438
Request for Data and Information on Contamination of Ready-to-Eat Foods Associated
with Food Preparation Employees

Dear Dr. Guzewich:

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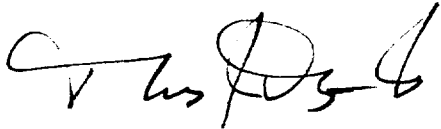
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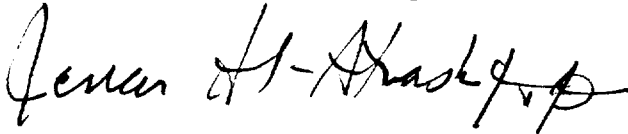
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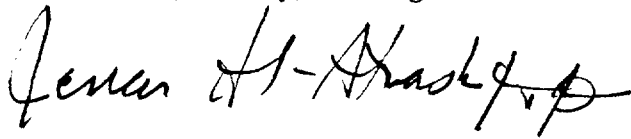
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